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TO : Chief, PPS

DATE: 3 May 1956

FROM : Chief, LETS

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. [] discussed with [] of the Office of Communications a proposal from the field to set up a language training program at Commo's training base. [] explained the nature of the present program at [] and stated that LETS was prepared to cooperate in a language program for Commo to such an extent as might be thought feasible. However, [] stated that, as they had already informed their field representatives, they were not able to agree at present to setting up special language programs in this country for Commo personnel although they recognized the desirability of one. The reasons for this, they said, were the necessity of reducing to a minimum all between-station time, the absolute necessity for technical training during this time, the usual shortage of technically qualified personnel, and in addition Commo's world-wide rotation policy which would render wasteful a large amount of time spent on one language alone. They also stated, however, that in cases where knowledge of a language was absolutely indispensable they would prefer to rely on the regular language training facilities now available at headquarters.

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2. [], with the aid of [] (Language Laboratory), wrote and submitted to the Support Staff specifications for ordering ten new Dual-track machines for use in the Language Laboratory in I Building and in Quarters Eye.

3. On 25 April 1956, 57 people attended the Symposium on "The Role of Southeast Europe in the East-West Struggle", of the Orientation Lecture Series on the Soviet's European Satellites and Yugoslavia. The Moderator was [], OCI; Stephen Peters, OIR, Department of State and [] SE, discussed Rumania; Stephen Peters, OIR, discussed Albania; [] SE, discussed Bulgaria; [] SE, [] SE, and Robert C. Mudd, Office of Intelligence Research, Department of State, discussed Yugoslavia.

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4. The film program during the past week had the following attendance: On 24 April 56, 33 people attended the Russian film; on 25 April, 65 people attended the Russian film, and on 26 April, 5 people attended the Ukrainian film. 25X1

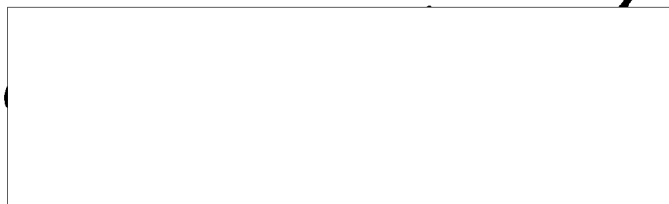
5. On 25 April, [] and others of the Eastern Department, and there was a discussion on ways in which a greater integration of areas and languages can be achieved.

25X1 6. In the experimental course, Elementary [] Grammar and Reading for Science & Technology (Phase I), students have already begun to read scientific materials. Instead of undertaking general readings [] after the eighth grammar lesson, the class is proceeding to study simple scientific materials. 25X1

25X1 7. On 1 April, [] staff on a full-time basis for six months; he is teaching the language. [] is assisting [] in the teaching [] suffered a heart attack on 4 April and returned to work from his illness on 30 April. 25X1 25X1

25X1 8. Current enrollment in internal language training programs is [] in class and [] in self-study. During the past week, 82 students used the language laboratory for a total of [] hours. 25X1

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